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The United States Government Can Give No Assistance to the Red Cross in Armenia.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 17.—Mr. Geo. Kennan, the celebrated traveler, in talking about Armenia Thursday, said: "It is absolutely impossible for the Red Cross to seek to enter Armenia to relieve the enormous distress there for two reasons; the sultan has forbidden it, and, quite justly, our government will offer Clara Barton and her band no assistance. Supposing the Red Cross should carry their good sanitation work into the districts where these massacres are reported; the results would be that the reports would give full details of the conditions of the Armenians by the Turks on the defensive Armenians. It is these reports that the sultan fears, and it is to avoid them that he denies admission to the Red Cross."

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LUCKY CHILLO.

Plans Being Kept Regarding Him and Other Arrangements for the Democratic Convention.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The intensity of the hour at which the decision of the democratic national committee was reached to hold the convention in Chicago, precluded any celebration of the news at democratic clubs, the hotels or anywhere else, but the committee men, who remained behind, after T. Ewing, Porter Palmer and J. Irvin Pierce, were elated to hear their efforts had been crowned with success and began to exult in the plan regarding the hall and other arrangements for the big gathering. The members of the Irons club, which got up the fund with enthusiasm for Chicago, take the credit for success. The committee here telegraphed to Washington that \$40,000 was guaranteed, and that the national committee should have full charge of the expenditure, the convention hall and all the arrangements in connection with the convention, including the troublesome ticket question. This unusual generous offer, it is believed here, secured the convention.

As to place for holding the convention, there are only two buildings which have the required capacity, the Coliseum at 43rd street and Grace avenue, opposite the World's fair grounds, which collapsed some time ago and is being built and the Tattersall building, 15th and 16th streets, near the center of the city. At the big hotels telegrams were received from numerous employers asking for reasons to be served for the convention, but as the hour was late and the managers could not be found to consider the proposition, nearly all were laid over until Friday.

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IN ERUPTION.

Kilauea Volcano Erupting Fourth Time and Resulting Lava.

HONOLULU, Jan. 17.—Kilauea volcano in active eruption. The fiery floods have suddenly returned after 13 months of quiescence. At 11 p. m. a light was observed from the hotel upon the clouds above the long darkened pit. This increased so as to be clearly visible from Hilo. The blazing flood was boiling up from the depths and a burning lake of oval from 300 feet to 150 feet in width. This was over 450 feet below the upper rim of the pit. As the lava continued to rise the level widened, filling up the broad pit until it overflowed the rim above and reached over upon the floor of Kilauea crater.

FIENDISH OUTRAGE.

Two Little Girls Assaulted on a Lonely March and Then Cruelly Beaten. BOSTON, Jan. 17.—A fiendish outrage was accomplished upon the persons of two little girls on a lonely march bordering upon the Mystic river in full detail of the conditions of the case by the Turks on the defensive Armenians. It is these reports that the sultan fears, and it is to avoid them that he denies admission to the Red Cross.

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Found Dead in His Cell. BOSTON, Jan. 17.—John Lewis, a prisoner in the city jail, under sentence of ten years for larceny, was found dead in his cell Thursday. Whether he committed suicide or death resulted from natural causes is not known. Lewis was a cousin of McCoy, of McCoy-Hatfield feud fame.

Fire at Nashville, Ind. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 17.—Nashville, a thriving little town of 1,300 inhabitants, was destroyed here, suffered a \$35,000 loss from fire Thursday. The principal business houses were all destroyed.

President of the French Senate. PARIS, Jan. 17.—M. Emile Loubet, formerly prime minister of France, minister of the interior, minister of public works was Thursday elected president of the senate.

Secretary of State Dead. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—N. B. Smith, secretary of state, died at his home in Dover Thursday. He was 73 years old and also represented Delaware in congress.

IN CUBA.

Insurgents Retire From the Vicinity of Bejucal.

In a Two Hours' Fight Near Candelera the Rebels Retreated.

The Government Force Used Artillery—A Band of Insurgents Dispersed Near Palmar, Three Miles on Each Side. The Rebels Defeated at Caceres.

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THE GREATEST EVER KNOWN.

Probable Cause of the De Ponts' Explosions.

The greatest explosion of gunpowder that has ever been known took place at the De Ponts' works on the 7th of October, 1800. With their usual caution policy, says McClure's Magazine, the De Ponts have never said how great a quantity of powder exploded at this time, but it is certain that the explosion was not only in the upper yard were blown up, one after another, and a safe estimate will put the quantity of powder exploded at about half a million of lbs. In this explosion thirteen men and one woman were instantly killed, while twenty-two men and nine women were injured, some fatally.

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A Sufferer Cured.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla, would be worse, provided I was alive and able to carry anything.

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